

PRESIDENT ALDERMAN VERY MUCH IMPROVED

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VISITS HIM IN NEW YORK

Interest in Approaching Commencement Exercises Increasing Daily.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., April 27.—Dean Page returned to the University of Virginia yesterday from New York, where he had spent several days with President Alderman going over the multitudinous affairs of the university. President Alderman is now, and has been for several weeks, at the beautiful country home of his friend, W. W. Fuller, on the Hudson.

Dean Page said to-day that President Alderman had improved wonderfully, and was far on the road to complete recovery.

"Not only has President Alderman gained more than thirty pounds," he said, "but in many other ways he shows the good effects of his sojourn in the high altitudes of New York State. His color is good, and his spirits are fine. His throat, which physicians thought at first would take a long time to get well, is now entirely well. His physicians will not permit him to speak out loud more than once a week at present. This precaution is taken merely to give the tissues time to harden. Dr. Baldwin says that if President Alderman were not a platform speaker, he could with perfect safety go ahead and use his voice now. He expects to permit himself to use his voice freely after the first of June."

"Dr. Baldwin refers to President Alderman as his star patient, and says it can only be a matter of a few weeks more before he will be as well as ever. He was President Alderman's eager to return at once to the university and enter upon his duties again, but his physician advises him not to return this session. While he is simply well enough to return home now, it is not deemed wise that he should subject himself to any unusual strain for the next few months."

Dean Page spoke especially of President Alderman's high spirits and splendid physical appearance.

They went together to the events of the session since President Alderman left early last winter, and discussed plans for the closing days of this session. The board of visitors will meet early in May to consider various administrative proposals and the general program for next year.

Interest in the approaching finals is increasing every day. The 1905 reunion has grown to such large proportions in the planning, that it would seem to be sure of the highest place in university reunion annals in the reckoning. In the spirit of class organization, which is now being put upon a firmer basis than ever before, a comprehensive class fund will be started. This will cover somewhat the practice at Harvard, and is expected to bring into the treasury of the university in years to come, thousands of dollars in additional endowment. The April number of the Alumni Bulletin is devoted largely to a discussion of the new proposals along this and other lines.

Professor Charles G. Maphis is busy directing plans for the summer school, which will begin June 24, and will continue until August 2. The summer school faculty this year will be the largest and the best that has ever been assembled at Charlottesville. One of the strong additions to the faculty will be Dr. Thomas W. Page, who was absent last summer because of his duties as a member of the tariff board. He will give courses in economics and civil government. Professor William H. Echols will have charge of the work in mathematics. Professor Thomas Fitzhugh will head the team of teachers in Latin and Greek. Dr. Charles W. Kent, Dr. William A. Lambeth, Dr. William A. Kepner, Dr. Albert Le Fevre, Dr. William H. Faulkner, Dr. William H. Heck, Dr. Robert Montgomery Bird and about fifty others will give courses.

Professor Maphis has arranged the courses admirably from two points of view—first, to give teachers the training they desire and must have; second, to give students the most additional college work to supplement their regular courses, an opportunity to get the required credits.

The time between July 14 and 19 will be devoted to the study of problems of rural life in general and rural school problems in particular. A Farmers' Institute will be held at the same time, which will have the elements of many constructive movements of great potential value to the farmers themselves and to Virginia.

DELEGATES ENJOY INTERESTING DAY

Addresses and Reports Before State Sunday School Convention at Fredericksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., April 27.—The sessions of the State Sunday School Convention opened yesterday with song and praise service, after which reports of the State superintendents division were made as follows: Elementary division, Miss Sallie C. Deane, of Richmond; secondary division, G. C. Minor, Harrisonburg; home department, Miss L. Nettie Hammer, Faber, teacher training department, Rev. Warren H. Denison, Norfolk. Other reports were made as follows: State Executive Committee, DeWitt Crane, chairman, of Norfolk; treasurer's report, L. R. Spencer, of Richmond; report of committee on constitution, W. S. Friend, Covington. A paper was read on "Dollars and Sense" by N. Couricte Scott, of Richmond, chairman of the finance committee, following which State finances were discussed.

Rev. B. W. Kinley, of Baltimore, delivered an excellent address on "The Analysis of Our Work." General Secretary Thomas C. Digges, of Richmond, then gave his report for the year on the subject "What the State Association is Doing." A conference on the county Sunday School Association was held and the following subjects discussed: "How it Helps the Schools," voluntary testimonies, "Getting the Last Report," Dr. E. R. Miller, president of Rockingham County Association, "Visiting the Schools," Parker Peasane, former superintendent of Isle of Wight County Association; "A Model County Association," W. D. Hoge, secretary of Augusta County Association.

At the afternoon session the principal address was made on the subject, "The Modern Sunday School Movement—Its Meaning," by W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, associate general secretary of the International Sunday School Association. From 3 to 5 o'clock five divisions of conferences were conducted simultaneously, the following being the program:

Primary workers, conducted by Miss Sallie C. Deane, assisted by Miss Katherine Groh Herndon and others; secondary division, by G. C. Minor, assisted by John L. Alexander, Chicago; adult division, by W. C. Pearce, home department, by Miss L. Nettie Hammer, assisted by Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., and others; teacher training department, conducted by Rev. Warren H. Denison, D. D., assisted by Rev. George P. Greene, Rev. J. C. Dunford, Hervis U. Roop, Ph. D., L. L. D.

At 5 o'clock the state committee held a round table conference and the members were served with a elegant supper in the banquet hall of the church by the local committee, assisted by women of the program.

Last night John L. Alexander, of Chicago, superintendent of the secondary division of the International Sunday School Association, delivered a strong address on the subject "The Call of Adolescence," and the other address of the evening was by W. C. Pearce, on the subject, "Adult Bible Class Work—Essentials."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., April 27.—The Alexandria Water Company Thursday next will begin the work of constructing a dam and reservoir at Bancroft, Fairfax County, which will cost \$125,000. The contract for the work has been awarded to the Richmond Construction Company, of University, Va.

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TYLER ADDRESSES V. P. I. STUDENTS

President of William and Mary College Delivers Lecture at Blacksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blacksburg, Va., April 27.—Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, president of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, spoke to the students, members of the faculty and others Friday night in German Hall, his subject being "A Tragedy in Agriculture." Dr. Tyler's address was scholarly and was heard with appreciative interest by a good-sized audience.

Dr. C. W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, was the speaker at the Sunday morning service in the Assembly Hall, his subject being "A Christian Faith for the College Man." This was the last in the series of life work addresses arranged by Secretary O. R. Magill, of the V. M. C. A., for this session, and Dr. Kent's talk was heard by the student body, church people of the community and members of the college faculty. Another interesting address of the week, made to the members of the association Thursday night, was that on "Opportunities for the Christian Agriculturalist," by instructor C. R. Mackan, of the V. P. I.

Professors O. C. Burkhardt and R. J. Holden, of the departments of mining, engineering and geology, took twelve members of their classes on an outing Friday and Saturday, which included a visit to Roanoke and a trip over the mountains near that city. These trips are taken every spring to acquaint the students with practical demonstrations of the theories of the class room. The usual hike to Mountain Lake will be taken some time in May.

General satisfaction was felt by the cadet corps over the showing made by the cadet corps when Captain S. J. Schindler, U. S. A. inspector, made his official visit here last Tuesday. The exhibition drills, dress parade and other military manoeuvres were carried out in almost perfect style, and Captain Schindler was plainly pleased. There has recently been a rearrangement in the ranking of military schools according to the curriculum, and this year, following the visit of the inspector and the drilling of the cadets, V. P. I. will be placed in the "M. C." class, which is being next to last in the class known as "distinguished," and from which each year a graduate is selected by the War Department to enter the army without the usual examination.

Dr. C. M. Newman, of the department of English, was one of the judges in the inter-high school debate at Christiansburg Friday night and Saturday morning.

Prof. L. S. Randolph, of the department of mechanical engineering, made an address at the meeting of Montgomery Presbyterian in East Radford last Saturday.

The chief musical event of the spring season was the concert given by the college band in German Hall Saturday night. A varied program of music was rendered and the audience was a large and very enthusiastic one.

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The greater part of the afternoon session was spent in reading papers on various subjects pertaining to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and in discussing practical plans for carrying on the work in this locality. Mrs. Hoge conducted a drill on parliamentary law, after which the pastor made a brief address on "The Next Step Toward Prohibition."

The evening session was well attended. The first half-hour was spent in prayer and the singing of temperance songs. The chief feature of the evening was an address by Mrs. Hoge on her trip to the National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in Oregon. Pledge cards were passed at each session. Five new active members were secured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., April 27.—The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company is enlarging its fertilizer plant here, and 200 additional men will be given work, this being an increase of 200 per cent.

LADY DIANA LISTER



London, April 26.—The smartest wedding of the early season here was that of the Hon. Diana Lister, youngest daughter of Lord Ribblesdale, and Percy Wyndham, son of George Wyndham, former Chief Secretary for Ireland. The ceremony took place on the 17th, and was attended by the most notable society and political leaders of the United Kingdom.

On the wedding day the bride drove to Westminster, not in an automobile, as has become the fashion, but in the old Ribblesdale family coach, drawn by gray horses, with postilions in the Lister livery. She was attended by eight bridesmaids and seven pages, all children. This was the largest retinue ever recorded at a fashionable wedding here.

The bride received many beautiful and costly presents. From the Rothschild family, exquisite jewelry; from Mrs. George Keppel, a valuable old watch; from Mrs. David Petty, who was Mrs. Marshall Field, a gold box; from Lord Curzon, a brooch, and from the Duchess of Sutherland, a diamond pendant.

The bride will be twenty years old next month, and is a girl of rare loveliness. She is devoted to hunting, and is a keen, all-round sportsman. She is the niece of Mrs. Asquith, and is related to the Lyttleton family. Percy Wyndham is a popular member of the Goldstream Guards.

Odds and Ends From the Wire

BOY BANDIT SCARED, TOO
Holds Up Boss With Payroll Cash, Then Runs Like Mad.
Lancaster, Pa., April 27.—Arthur G. Lehman, of the Penn. Swing and Ladder Company, was held up in an alley near the plant by William Bradel, a seventeen-year-old employee, who was masked.

Lehman was returning from bank with \$350 to pay the hands when confronted by Bradel with a revolver. Lehman in his fright dropped the money, and Bradel, equally scared, dropped his mask, and when he saw he was recognized made no effort to get any of the money, but ran away. He was caught after a chase and sent to jail.

DIES IN TAXI SPEEDING HOME.
Atlantic City Woman Expires After Leaving Theatre.
Atlantic City, April 27.—While speeding homeward in a taxicab from a theatre, where she had been stricken ill, shortly before the rising of the curtain, Mrs. Alice Matilda Westcott died in her daughter's arms. Not until her last breaths were uttered in the Earl Apartments, 709 Atlantic Avenue, did the young woman know that her mother was dead, and at sight of the inanimate form being carried into her apartment, she swooned.

Mrs. Westcott, who was forty-four years old, and had resided here six years, was in high spirits on her way to the theatre. She secured tickets for a party of friends, who were to arrive later. When informed of Mrs. Westcott's illness upon their arrival the friends hurried to her home, only to find her dead. Physicians declare that death resulted from acute congestion of the lungs. Mrs. Westcott is survived by her husband, a son and daughter.

YEGG ESCAPES BLEASE.
Walks From Governor's Office and Dodges New Arrest.
Columbia, S. C., April 27.—When George Blease left his office for a moment James Johnson, a notorious yeggman, known as "Portland Ned," paroled from a ten-year term in the penitentiary for robbing a safe in 1902, talked into the corridor and disappeared. A government officer was waiting in the adjoining office with a warrant for his arrest, charging him with robbing the Plymouth, N. C., post-office in 1898.

STRICKEN BLIND ON ROOF.
Painter Falls Thirty Feet, But Escapes Serious Injury.
Atlantic City, April 27.—A stricken suddenly blind while employed on the roof of a house, at 1915 Hummock Avenue, Ernest Taliaferro, a painter, pitched forward into the street thirty feet, and his companions expected to find him fatally injured. When the ambulance arrived, however, he was easily revived, and was found to have escaped serious injury.

Refusing any assistance after he had been given medical aid, Taliaferro painfully made his way to his home, a short distance away. A recurrence of eye trouble caused the accident.

TO FIGHT DEFERRED DUEL.
Marriage Prevented Settlement by the Code Three Years Ago.
Paris, April 27.—A duel is being arranged to take place shortly in Paris between the noted fencers, Al. C. Berger, son of the Paris deputy, and George Brettinmayer. A quarrel arose between them three years ago, but M. Berger had been quite recently married and he refused to fight. A few days ago he quarreled with an acquaintance.

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BOTH SIDES EXPECT TO WIN IN BRISTOL

NORTH CAROLINA STILL IN UNION

"Down-Homer" Believed It Was Necessary for Him to Be Naturalized.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., April 27.—"I want to be naturalized," said a tall, cadaverous looking individual who yesterday afternoon entered the office of R. P. W. Garnett, clerk of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mr. Garnett at once got out the necessary papers, preparatory to taking a record of the man's case. The usual questions were propounded to the man by him, when he came to the place of birth, the would-be citizen of the United States explained that he was born and reared in the western part of North Carolina, where he had lived all his life.

The astonished clerk looked up and informed the stranger that North Carolina is still in the United States, and in view of this fact naturalization papers would be unnecessary, whereupon the stranger left the office, thoroughly satisfied with his efforts to become a citizen of this republic.

News of Ashland.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., April 27.—The Democratic County Committee met here Saturday and decided to hold the county primary August 5, the same date as the State primary. The committee will meet again at Hanover Courthouse on the first day of the May term to arrange for the primary.

W. B. Newton Camp, Confederate Veterans, held a called meeting at the Town Hall, and the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, That as many of this camp as can attend to attend the reunion at Gettysburg in a body, and we invite all other Veterans residing in the county to attend with us.

"Resolved, That the adjutant of this camp do obtain a list of all veterans of the camp and any other veterans in the county who wish to attend the reunion at Gettysburg and desire the county to pay their expenses, and file with the Board of Supervisors at its June meeting."

"Resolved, further, That he obtain a list of all who wish to be furnished with uniforms to be worn on that occasion, and deliver it to the Hanover Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy."

The camp will meet at the Town Hall, Ashland, at 2 P. M. Saturday, June 21, to complete arrangements. A committee on arrangements, consisting of Commandant George P. Haw and W. P. Shelton, was appointed to report at this meeting. Notifications should be sent to W. F. Blunt, adjutant, R. F. D. No. 1, Ashland.

A special election will be held on May 10 for the purpose of determining the date for the Ashland district school levy shall be increased 10 cents. The Board of Supervisors was requested to make this increased levy, which it declined to do, hence the election. In connection with the above, a mass meeting of citizens will be held at the schoolhouse on Monday, April 28, at 4 P. M., to discuss school conditions in Ashland and vicinity.

Leslie Ellis has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mrs. Frank Day, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore, will go to Cape May, N. J., before returning home.

Hunter Thompson, of Patuxent, P. R., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. L. H. Thompson.

Miss Janie Gaines, of Richmond, is the week-end guest of Mrs. Walter Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tucker, Jr., have returned from Culpeper, where they spent the past week.

Miss Lucile Nelson, of Hilliard Road, was the guest to-day of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parke Hartsook at the Henry Clay Inn.

Officers of Teachers' Club.
Lynchburg, Va., April 27.—The Lynchburg Teachers' Club has elected the following officers for the coming year: president, Miss Helen Nelson; vice-president, Miss Berta Miller; recording secretary, Miss Ethel Bass; corresponding secretary, Miss Fannie Wright.

Part of "Belvoir" Sold.
Alexandria, Va., April 27.—About 1,100 acres in Fairfax County, a part of the "Belvoir" estate, which was sold at public auction yesterday by Captain R. F. Knox and purchased by Daniel D. Thompson, John E. West and J. N. Gibbs for the sum of \$26,535.

The exercises began Thursday afternoon and closed at a late hour Friday night. In a spirited match ball game was played on the Galax diamond between the high school team of Pulaski and the local team here, with the result of 10 to 1 in favor of Galax.

Another game will be played between the Galax and Pulaski grounds on May 5, on the Pulaski grounds.

The graduating class this year consisted of six young women and two young men. They were Misses Margaret Rolling, Lizzie McMillan, Helen Humphrey, Ruth Welsh, Miss Barbary, Harlie Murphy, and Gleeves and Emmett Jones.

Miss Rolling was class prophet, Miss Welsh, historian; Miss Barbary, poet, and Emmett Jones, valedictorian.

Several medals were awarded on various subjects, the winners being as follows: department medal, Miss Margaret; Goad; orator's medal, Emmett Jones; declaimer's medal, Edgar Ward; debater's medal, Vance Choate; for excellence in arithmetic and algebra two medals were awarded, one to Eva See, the other to May Moore, from Miss Blake's class, while that given for voice was awarded to Ethel Shockley. The prize offered for the one securing the largest contribution to the library was \$5 gold coin, and was won by Miss Ethel Jackson. The annual address was delivered by Dr. Crowe, of Pulaski.

The auditorium, which accommodates about 600 people, was crowded to its utmost capacity. It is hardly probable that there is another school in Southwestern Virginia that has done more effective work in the time than has the Galax High School.

Strenuous Campaign, Which Will End on May 9, Now in Progress.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., April 27.—It is doubtful if there is another place in the United States where a fight over whiskey interests more people than here on the border between Tennessee and Virginia. Multiplied thousands of consumers, in portions of several of the Southern States and numerous wholesale whiskey houses in various cities of the country, feel directly interested in such a fight from a pecuniary view, while temperance people throughout the nations look on with the keenest possible interest.

The people here are now in the midst of such a campaign. The whiskey dealers, all of whom are located on the Virginia side of the city (Tennessee being State-wide "dry" territory) are to know their fate on May 9, which is the date for the election. Less than 1,000 voters are to determine an issue which affects, either directly or indirectly, multiplied thousands, scattered over a vast area.

The temperance people were never more active or determined than at present. The most potent argument which they have to meet has to do with the revenue side of the question. The business man and the property owner is wont to give ear to the argument that it is worth while to have big revenue from whiskey, that the tax rate may be made the lowest possible and in order that proper improvements may be carried on in a progressive community. In support of this view, in four years, upwards of \$100,000 has accumulated as a surplus in the city treasury, and this week there was added to this sum nearly \$45,000.

In the face of these facts the temperance men and women are working like beavers. Public meetings are being held, and in every church assembly men and women offer fervent prayers that Bristol and the territory contiguous may be rid of the whiskey traffic. The money piled up in the city treasury is referred to as "blood money."

"It will prove a blighting curse," is the way temperance orators and advocates put it. "God never gave permanent prosperity and permanent happiness to a community that tolerated such glaring evils," is the way one of the local ministers put it in a street conversation. And to these sentiments the good women of the churches and temperance organizations are adding their songs and their prayers, and the manhood of the community is being appealed to to stand up for the ethical moral reform.

Thus far only one noted speaker has been heard in the campaign. This was Evangelist George R. Stuart, the one-time co-laborer of Sam Jones. Dr. Stuart, who made a powerful appeal, will be followed by Captain H. H. Pearson Hobson, hero of the Meritame, Captain Hobson was due to speak here in the Y. M. C. A. lecture course. The association, however, cheerfully turned him over to the women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for a lecture in connection with the campaign to rid Bristol of saloons and whiskey houses. Captain Hobson will speak to men only as the women have surrendered the privilege of hearing in order that the voters of the city and the boys may hear what he has to say of the evils of the whiskey traffic.

Others who are to speak before the close of the campaign are: Dr. James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia; Mrs. Nannie Curtis, of Texas, and Mrs. Harris Armour, of Georgia.

While the outcome of this contest is by no means certain, owing to the activities of the whiskey men and their aids and the money they are supposed to command for campaign purposes, the temperance people believe, in view of the great interest aroused by public meetings, that they will be able to carry the election. An election seven years ago resulted in a victory for the temperance people and closed up every saloon and key house. Three years later the "wets" petitioned for an election, and won by a small margin. This time the "drys" petitioned for the election, and the temperance people are forcing the battle.

Many of the local ministers and other church people express the utmost confidence that their side will win. Several big meetings are yet to be held, and the contest is destined to be at fever heat before the date for the election.

Prominent among the men who are leading in the fight to rid the saloons are: Dr. J. A. Baylor, of State Street Methodist Church; Dr. W. S. Neighbors, president of Sullins College; Dr. L. H. Henderson, president of Virginia Interment College; Alfred H. Blanchard and Herbert G. Peters, attorneys; and W. L. Morley, business man. Tennessee temperance people are also lending their influence.



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